

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City  
Council

Austin Texas April 4 1892  
Hon John Mc Donald Mayor Presiding

Present Alderman Anderson. Aspinwall. Glass.  
Graham. Hume. Jackson. Ketcham. Linne. Miller  
Morris. Rector. Metcalf. North. Platt. Schneider.  
Schubel. Shelley. Sutor. Townsend. Warmoth. Weyman  
Zeller - 22

City Clerk excused

Minutes of council  
held March 21 appd

Pet to refund  
pound fees

Pet locating an  
Electric Light

Pet asking  
reduction of  
city taxes

Pet asking a  
credit on taxes

Jan 11. 1892

It was moved that Mr Neil McCoshin be requested to release the City Clerk from attending upon the Council to enable him to complete the preparation of the general Appropriation Ordinance  
The Motion prevailed and was complied with

The Minutes of the meeting of the City Council which was held on the 21st day of March 1892 were adopted as printed

*Petitions Memorials etc*  
The following named petitions. Memorials etc were introduced

From ten citizens of the seventh ward requesting that certain pound fees paid by them be refunded  
It was referred to the Committee on claims and accounts

By Alderman Platt. A petition of citizens and tax payers requesting that an electric light be located at the intersection of Trinity and East Fifth streets

It was referred to the Committee on water and light

Alderman Morris was excused

By Alderman Graham. A petition from Miss Dupre asking that the amount of her city taxes be reduced.

It was referred to the Committee on claims and accounts

By Alderman Linne. A petition from M. Maas requesting the City Council to allow him a credit of \$300 on his city taxes to reimburse him for money expended on a ditch to protect his premises from overflow

It was referred to the Finance Committee and City Attorney

On the recommendation of the mayor or the council remitted a portion of the fine assessed in the records court against C. Gonzales

City Officer's report.

### Reports of the City Officers

The reports of the Matron of the Hospital, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Chief Engineer Trigell, City Sexton City Marshal, City Physician and City Assessor and Collector for the month of March 1892 were read and referred.

Claim for damages

A. Report from the City Attorney on the claim of John B. Taylor for household goods etc alleged to have been destroyed by the city authorities during the time his family were sick with the small pox submitted an opinion stating in substance that the city is not liable for the payment of the claim, the City Council not having authorized the destruction of the property. Alderman Anderson moved the adoption of the report and that the same be laid on the table. Carried

### Reports of Committees

By Alderman Burns for the Committee on streets and alleys. To whom was referred the petition of Moreland and Keisel asking permission to erect fence for sign painting at or near the depot of the dummy line submitted a report which states "That said permission does not disclose whether the depot at the claim or in the City is intended if the latter, we recommend that the same be not granted but if the former be intended we recommend that the same be granted, provided that its location height, and power of removal of the same be vested in the discretion of the Mayor and that no vested rights to the space to be occupied by the fence shall be acquired by permission granted for its construction."

Motion to table

Alderman Subor moved to lay the report on the table and the motion was rejected by the following vote. Yeas Aldermen Anderson Ketchum, Newton, North, Schneider, Schubert, Sexton, 7

Nays Aldermen. Anderson, Glass, Graham, Burns, Jackson, Linn, Miller, Nichols, Platt, Shelley, Townsend, Wernoth, Meyerman, Ziller - 14

The Report was then adopted

Re. Oley Anderson

Alderman Burns, for the Street Committee to whom was referred a petition from Axel Anderson requesting the Council to direct the superintendent of streets to haul certain rock to his (Anderson's) premises submitted a report which states "That we find that Mr. Anderson voluntarily assumed the job of blasting the rock at the time and place referred to hushing and obtaining the permission of the City Engineer to do so and that the understanding between

Mr Anderson and the Street Commissioner, Mr Creary was that the rock should be used in the improvement of an alley adjacent to Mr Anderson's property such use being the understanding to Mr Creary's promise with Anderson to have the same

But as Mr Cinclean now seeks to put the rock to private use different from the use contemplated at first we recommend that his petition be not granted

The Report was adopted.

Pet for Dr....  
adopted

Alderman Stone for the street committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs J. Delamare and others the heirs of B.O. Stavely and owners of an lot No 20 in Division O requesting the council to pay damages in the sum of \$500 for a ditch that was dug through said out lot by the City of Austin submitted a report thereon which stated "that they are informed by Mr Ed Creary the street commissioner that during the life time of Mr B O Stavely that he Mr Stavely consented to and urgently requested that said ditch should be cut through said property by Stavely lending his assistance to clearing away the ground preparatory to the cutting of said ditch, we therefore think that the heirs of Mr Stavely are estopped from asserting any claim for damages by reason of the presence of said ditch through said property and recommend that their petition be not granted." Adopted

adopted

City Janne

By Alderman Stone for the committee on streets to whom was referred "the communication of Mr Ed Creary street commissioner concerning the plow team and an other span of mules belonging to the city - beg leave to report - that they find said mules unfit for further service as represented in said communication We recommend that said mules be put into pasture and that their places in the service of the city be supplied by the purchase of others

The report was adopted and the chairman of the street committee and the superintendent of streets were directed to act with the committee on purchases in the matter of purchasing additional mules

Our Deps -

March 8 A.C. "priced.

By Alderman Schneider for the committee on fire department to whom was referred the subject of having the fire engine of Washington Steam Fire Engine Company not repaired presented a report which states that bids were invited for doing the work and that bid no 1 was received that of Frank Hermann & Bro for the sum of \$307.00 The report recommends that an appropriation of the amount named be made Adopted

Marshal report

By Alderman Townsend for the Police Committee to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of February 1892 presented a report which states that they have examined the reports and found them to be correct.

appropriation for  
City Hospital

By Alderman Wannoth for the Committee on Hospital Repairs submitted a report which states that the appropriation of \$350 heretofore made for the purpose of repairing the City and County Hospital is too small and recommends that an additional appropriation of \$25 be made. Adopted.

Further time was granted to the committee an ordinance in which to prepare reports

No directing  
Electric light removed

By Alderman Anderson for the committee on water and light to whom was referred a resolution directing that the electric light on fourteenth street between Mckee and Trinity streets be removed to the corner of Trinity and fifteenth streets; submitted a report recommending that the change be made and it was adopted.

### New Business

By Alderman Anderson.

Resolved That from and after this date all bills and accounts must be filed with the City Clerk on the first day of the month and all bills which are not so filed by said time shall lay over until next meeting and all bills which are not approved by the Committee at the hour of meeting shall remain over to the next meeting of the Council. Adopted.

By Alderman Glase

A Resolution directing the committee an ordinance to "frame and present to the City Council at its next regular meeting an ordinance limiting the speed of electric and steam Railroad cars in the city of Austin.

The resolution fixes the speed as follows:

Electric cars on Avenue not to exceed six miles per hour same on Lavaca ten miles per hour.

On sixth street between Rio Grand and East avenue not to exceed six miles per hour and on Rio Grand ten miles per hour.

On sixth street west of Rio Grand not to exceed ten miles per hour. Steam cars on steam railroad between Shoal Creek and East Avenue not to exceed six miles per hour. Some while passing under International and Great Northern railroad and through road cut not to exceed six miles per hour.

Limiting speed  
of Electric & steam  
R.R. cars

The resolution was referred to the ordinance committee.

By Alderman Glass.

A resolution directing the City Marshal to enforce the ordinance limiting the storage of Powder etc in the city limits.

It was referred to the ordinance committee.

By Alderman Glass.

A resolution entitled "A resolution instructing the Sandbag committee to consult with the superintendent of public grounds and buildings of the state of Texas and with the governor of Texas if necessary in regard to fixing the state sewer of said State in the city of Austin emptying into the Colorado river." Adopted.

By Alderman Schneider.

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$357.50 for the purpose of repairing Washington Steam Fire Engine. It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third reading both of which were adopted by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Newton, Mitchell, Schneider, Schubel, Shelly, Townsend, Meyerman, Ziller. - 15

Nays Aldermen Ketchum, Miller, North, Platt, Rector, Wannoth. - 6

The Ordinance was accordingly read and on motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Newton, Mitchell, Schneider, Schubel, Shelley, Townsend, Meyerman, Ziller. 14

Nays Aldermen Ketchum Linn, Miller, North, Platt, Rector, Wannoth. - 7

By Alderman Anderson.

An Ordinance granting the right of way over certain streets and the right to cross certain highways in the City of Austin to the Austin and Suburban Railroad Company an organization duly existing under the laws of Texas for operating a street railroad.

It was read and referred to the ordinance committee.

Alderman Graham excused.

By Alderman Linn.

An Ordinance fixing the compensation of the City Attorney for collecting delinquent taxes.

It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third reading.

Res. regarding the storage of powder.

Res regarding the state sewer

appropriating money for repairing W. S. E. No. 1

Passed

granting right of way

fixing compensation of City Atty

both of which were adopted by a vote of two thirds of the whole Council

Passed

The Ordinance was accordingly read and an motion passed by the following vote

Yrs. Alderman. Anderson. Asemann. Hume. Jackson.  
Linn. Miller. Newton. Natchez. North Platt. Schuber.  
Shelley. Sutor. Townsend. Wammoth. Weyermann. Ziller. 17

Nays. Alderman. Glass. Ketchum. Schneider - 3

city clerk to advertise  
H & L. truck & engine  
for sale

Alderman Schuber moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise the hook and ladder truck and the engine known as Colorado No 2 now at the city hall, for sale Carried.

By Alderman Linn

An Ordinance appropriating \$22,088.70 for the purpose of paying estimate No 17 of work done and material furnished by Bernard Corrigan during the month of March 1892. under his contract with the City of Austin dated Nov 7 1890

It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings and that it do pass all of which were adopted by the following vote

Yrs. Alderman Anderson. Asemann. Glass. Hume.  
Jackson Natchez. Linn. Miller. Newton. Natchez. North.  
Platt. Schneider. Schuber. Shelley. Sutor. Townsend.  
Wammoth. Weyermann. Ziller - 20

By Alderman Linn

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2769.82 for the purpose of paying Approved accounts  
It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings. and that it do pass all of which were adopted by the following vote

Yrs. Alderman Anderson. Asemann. Glass. Hume.  
Jackson. Ketchum. Linn Miller Newton. Natchez North.  
Platt. Schuber. Shelley. Sutor. Townsend. Wammoth.  
Weyermann. Ziller. - 19

Nay Alderman Schneider. - 1

By Alderman Wammoth

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$125 for the purpose of repairing the City and County Hospital.  
It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings and that it do pass all of which were adopted by the following vote.

repairing of City  
Hospital

Yrs. Aldermen. Anderson. Asmann. Glass. Alme.  
Jackson. Ketchum. Linn. Miller. Newton. Nicholske. Worth.  
Platt. Schneider. Schuber. Shelly. Sutor. Townsend.  
Wannoth. Weyerman. Ziller. - 20

came to consider  
election of officers in  
this city

Alderman Ziller. Moved that a committee of three be appointed to canvass the returns of the election held on March 21. 1892 for the purpose of electing officer of the fire department.  
The motion was carried and the chair appointed Alderman Worth. Townsend. Ziller.

Aldermen. Alme. Sutor. and Linn. were excused.

By Alderman Platt

An Ordinance appropriating \$500 to improve the alley running north and south through block 67 between Brazos and Pecan streets.

It was read the first time after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading which prevailed by a vote of two thirds of the whole council.

The Ordinance was accordingly read after which the following was added as section 2

The Appropriation to be expended under the direction of the city engineer and street committee.

Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading and that it do pass both of which were adopted by the following vote

Yrs. Aldermen. Anderson. Asmann. Glass. Jackson.  
Ketchum. Linn. Miller. Newton. Nicholske. Worth. Platt.  
Schneider. Schuber. Shelly. Townsend. Wannoth.  
Weyerman. Ziller. - 18

com. report

officers elected

The committee appointed to canvass the returns above named submitted a report. which states that the following vote was cast:

For the Office of Chief. August Ziller received 106 votes  
And George Heigl received 87 votes

For the office of Assistant Chief. F. C. Babcock received 115 votes  
And P. C. Nicholske received 77 votes

For the office of Recorder Henry W. Brown received 193 votes

The report recommends that August Ziller be declared Chief Frank C. Babcock assistant chief. and Henry W. Brown Recorder during the coming year and it was adopted.  
The Council adjourned

Wilton Morris,  
City Clerk